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### ALMANAC FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1872,

	Being a Leap	Year of 366 J	Days.		
MOON'S SIGNS.	SIGNS O	F THE ZODIAC.		PLANETS AN	ND ASPECTS.
Moon. First Last	Bull. Twins.	Virgin. G	aterman	b Saturn.  24 Jupiter.  5 Mars.  ⊙ Sun.	<ul><li>♀ Venus,</li><li>屖 Mercury.</li><li>⊃ Moon.</li><li>屖 Herschel.</li></ul>
6 Conjunction, or planets in ⊕ Sextile, when they are 60 a	the same longtitud degrees apart. Opposition, when t	△ Trine, w	when they	are 120 degree	ees distant.
The Latin Names of th Aries (Ram), Taurus (Bull), G Scorpio (Scorpion), Sagittariu	emini (Twins), Can	cer (Crab), Leo (	(Lion), Vi Aquarius	irgo (Virgin), L (Waterman), I	ibra (Balance) Pisces (Fishes)
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Vernal Equinox, © enters March 20th, 1 o'clock, 50 min. morning. Summer Solstice, © enters June 20th, 10 o'clock, 30 min. evening. Autumnal Equinox, © enters September 22d, 12 o'clock, 51 min. afternoon. Winter Solstice, © enters December 21st, 6 o'clock, 52 min. morning.  Mercury ( \( \bar{\pi} \) is called the Governing Planet this year.					
NAME OF STREET	ECLIPSES FO	R THE YEAR	R 1872.	Charles that	20 Valua
There will be four Eclips The first is a Partial Ec Invisible here; visible in Euro	clipse of the Moon, ope and Asia.	on the 22d of 1	May, 5 o'	clock 19 min. i	AL THREE PARTY
The second is an Annular Eclipse of the Sun, on the 5th of June, 10 o'clock, 27 min. in the vening, therefore invisible here; visible in Asia and on the Pacific Ocean.					

The third is a Partial Eclipse of the Moon, on the 15th of November, 12 o'clock, 20 min. in the morning. Visible as follows; begins 12 o'clock. 2 min. in the morning; middle 12 o'clock, 20 min. in the morning; ends 12 o'clock, 38 min. in the morning; duration, only 36 minutes.

The fourth is a Total Eclipse of the Sun, on the 30th of November, 1 o'clock, 44 min. in the afternoon. Invisible here, on account of the Moon's Southern Latitude; will be visible in the Southern part of South America and on the Pacific Ocean, South Sea and South Pole. The Total line will pass near Cape Horn. near Cape Horn.

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Saturn ( ) is the 3d, in conjunction with the Sun, and cannot be seen.

Jupiter (4) is the 15th, in opposition with the Sun; nearest to the Earth, and shines all night.

#### MOON'S PHASES,

Last Quarter, 3d day, 4 o'clock, 56 min. Evening. New Moon, 10th " 9 " 55 " Forenoon. Eirst Quarter, 17th " 7 " 0 " Morning. Full Moon, 25th " 12 " 12 " Afternoon.

### CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, 8, moderate, cloudy; 9, snow; 10, 11, rainy, icy; 12, 13, 14, clear; 15, cloudy; 16, 17, 18, N. W. cold; 19, cloudy; 20, 21, clear and cold; 22, 23, 24, cloudy, with snow; 25, 26, 27, cold; 28, 29, moderate; 30, 31, N. W. cold.



YOU NEED THEM.

People often are great losers by not having a prayer book, liturgy, or Golden Censer in the house. You would find, for example, the Order of Worship, a source of knowledge, as well as a help in your devotions. The baptismal, confirmation and communion services are very instructive, telling you a score of things you should know. You would find it a great help at the sick-bed, and a delightful companion on Sunday. So with other devotional books. Our German forefathers and mothers always had books of this kind, and used them faithfully, too.

THE BLESSEDNESS OF AFFLICTION.—"We often live under a cloud; and it is well for us that we should do so. Uninterrupted sunshine would parch our hearts; we want shade and rain to cool and refresh them."

### OUR CHURCH WORK.

In our government, the order is as follows:—General Synod; District Synods; Classes; Con-

sistories; and congregations.

Each Classis manages its own local interests; but the more general Church work is directed by the Synods and the General Synods. For example, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Beneficiary Education, Church Extension, Orphan Homes, and the like.

The Synods manage these interests by means of Boards made up of ministers and elders, who are elected by the Synod, who serve without pay, and who regularly report to the Synod, not only the amount of money received and paid out, but also the progress made in their work.

These Boards study the wants of the Church, see what can and should be done, call for men and money, and push the work vigorously forward.

Of course, pastors, standing between these Boards and the people, are expected to bring these calls before the people, explain the case, and gather the Lord's alms. (As people are the stewards of the Lord, they should not think their minister either a beggar or a pest, when he calls for the means to carry forward the Lord's work!)

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Sometimes through either neglect or fear, pastors fail to do this; of course the Boards become embarrassed, and the work drags. Sometimes the people feel no interest in the Lord's work, and give but little toward it. Then the result is the same.

People sometimes wonder where their money goes to. They need only read the Church papers, and the Minutes of Synod; there all is plainly set down.

Who is Your Friend?—Who is your friend? Not the boy or the girl, man or woman, who tries to lead you astray, tempts you to do wrong, mocks at sacred things, or gives you bad advice or bad example. Such a person is your enemy. Listen not to him.

Who is your friend? The person who tells you to do right, to walk in the truth, to be faithful in good works; the person who urges you to pray, to study God's Word, to be always at Church, to look forward to full membership with His people, to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Such a person is your true friend. Listen to him.

Weeks and Days.   Daily Bible Lessons.   Moon Moon's R&S Signs h. m. s. d.   Miscellaneous Particulars.   S. Sun Sun sets lars.   S. Sun sets lars
Thursday   1   Ignatius   Matth. 5: 13–32   morn.   2   18   2   2   2   2   2   2   2   2   2
5] Sexagesima Sunday. St. Luke 8: 4-15; 2 Cor. 11: 19;—12: 9. Day's Length, 10 hours, 6 min.
Sunday       4 Rhaban. Maurus       Matth. 7       2 46
6] Quinquagesima Sunday. St. Luke 18: 31-43; 1 Cor. 13: 1-13. Day's Length, 10 hours, 22 min.
Sunday       11 H. de St. Victor Monday       Luke 8       8 35 9 32 16 Antares rises 9 16       15 6 49 5 11 30 15 6 48 5 12 31 15 6 48 5 12 31 15 6 48 5 12 31 15 6 47 5 13 F.         Tuesday       13 Shrove Tuesday       " 9: 37-62 10 20 28 Spica rises 10 3 15 6 47 5 13 F.         Wednesday Thursday       15 Jacob von Loh Friday       " 11: 1-36 11 58 22 2
7] Invocavit.—1st Sunday in Lent. Matthew 4: 1-11; 2 Cor. 6: 1-10. Day's Length, 10 hours, 38 min
Sunday       18 Simeon of Jerus.       Luke 13: 1-21       1 46       28 Ω Orion south 7 38       14 6 41 5 19 6       28 Ω Orion south 7 38       14 6 41 5 19 6       28 Ω Orion south 7 38       14 6 41 5 19 6       28 Ω Orion south 7 38       14 6 39 5 21 7       27 № Sirius south 9 29       14 6 38 5 22 8       28 Ω Orion south 7 38       14 6 39 5 21 7       28 Ω Orion south 7 38       14 6 39 5 21 7       28 Ω Orion south 7 38       14 6 39 5 21 7       28 Ω Orion south 7 38       28 Ω Orion south 9 30       29 Ω Orion south 7 38       29
8] Reminiscere.—2d Sunday in Lent. Matthew 15: 21-28; 1 Thes. 4: 17. Day's Length, 10 hours, 58 min
Sunday       25 Casp. Olevianus       Luke 18: 1–30       6 54 \$\frac{\phi}{2}\$ \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 1       \phi\$ rises 4 8       13 6 31 5 29 15         Monday       26 Berthold Haller       " 18: 31–19: 28 \$ 7 56 \$\frac{\phi}{2}\$ 2 15       2 south 9 4 \$ 13 6 30 5 30 14         Tuesday       28 Jno.deMon.Corv       " 20: 19–21: 4 \$ 10 11 \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 29 Regulus rises 11 2       Regulus rises 11 2 \$ 13 6 27 5 33 16         Thursday       29 Ethelbert       " 21: 5–35 \$ 11 20 \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 27 Aldebaran sets 12 38 \$ 13 6 26 5 34 17

Venus (2) is Morning Star till the 16th of July, 12 o'clock 41 Min. in the Morning. From thence Evening Star to the end of the year.

### MOON'S PHASES,

Last Quarter, 2d day, 5 o'clock, 8 min. Morning. New Moon, 8th "8" 48" Evening. First Quarter, 16th "1" 20" Morning. 24th " 5 " 54 " Morning. Full Moon,

### CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, coldest days, 3, 4, cold; 5, 6, moderate; 7, snow; 8, 9, 10, cold; 11, 12, moderate; 13, 14, 15, N. W. cold; 16, 17, clear; 18, cold; 19, snow; 20, 21, 22, clear and cold; 23, 24, variable; 25, snow; 26, 27, 28, N. W. cold; 29, clear.



#### ARE MINISTERS HIRELINGS?

"You are the man we have hired to preach, are you not?"

"No, sir; I am not."

"I beg pardon; are you not the minister?"

"Yes, sir; I am pastor of the church here; but do you really think I have been hired to preach

for you?"

"Why, yes, sir; I was at the meeting when the come here expecting to receive a salary?

"Certainly; and so does the Governor of this State enter upon his duties expecting to receive a salary. But would you say that he is hired to govern the State?"

"No, that is-not exactly."

"And the reason is exactly this: The Governor is elected to fill a certain office, and when hope.

you speak of him, you think more of his office than you do of his salary. You do not hire him to do whatever you wish to set him at, but you elect him to an office, fixed beforehand, and expressly defined in the constitution, and then you fix a salary that he may attend to his duties without embarrassment. The same is true of a pastor. You do not hire him to do a job of preaching for you. You elect him to an office, ordained by Christ, and defined in the constitution of the Church, and then you affix a salary that he may give himself wholly to the duteis of his office."

"Your theory appears very well; but what practical difference does it make?"

"Just this: When you hire a man, you expect him to do as you say.. When you elect a man to an office, you expect him to do what the constitution says.',

### WATCH IT CLOSELY.

The Sunday-school will do a good work in your congregation, but it needs watching. A little singing, a few prayers, and a few yes-and-no questions make a very poor school. You must see to several things :-

1. That your children are really instructed in Christian doctrine and duty. 2. That this is done by teachers who themselves honor the doctrines by doing the duties. 3. That the books and papers which the children receive are really good for them. 4. That going to Sunday-school does not interfere with their going to church. 5. Above all see to it, that parents do not hand the whole teaching of the child over to the Sunday-school. They are under baptismal oath to teach the child; they shall do it. The Sunday-school teaching is all extra.

With such watching, the Sunday-school may be a great power for good; but otherwise, it may do

your children immense harm.

### OUTSIDE.

How queer some people are! They pretend to be staying outside the Christian Church, because there are so many bad and doubtful people in it; but are they in better company on the outside?

The Church observes Christmas, Easter, and Whitsuntide, not only to honor the holy Trinity, but also that, through this festival service and worship, we may be builded up in holy faith and

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Weeks and Days.   Daily Bible Lessons.   Moon Moon's Signs.   Miscellaneous Particulars.   S. Sun Sun Signs.   S.
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Saturday   5 Cyrinus   11.1-54   5 sets.   45 15   5 th. 6 5 \$\frac{1}{2}\$
10] Lætare.—4th Sunday in Lent. St. John 6: 1-15; Gal. 4: 21-31. Day's Length, 11 hours, 34 min.
Sunday 10 40 Marts at Sebaste Mark 14:55 -15:15 6 55 2 6 7 6 5 0 superior 10 6 13 5 47 27
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Wednesday 13 Rudericus " 21 9 42 28 12 15 10 6 9 5 51 M
Thursday   14 Matilda     " 22     10 40   22   19   2 rises 4 44   9   6 8   5 52   2
Friday 15 Thos. Cranmer 23 11 38 0 0 24 stationary [10 4 9 6 6 5 54 3
Saturday   16   Heribert   " 24: 1-31   morn.   12   16th. \(\Omega\) Wega rises   9   6 5   5 55   4
11] Judica.—5th Sunday in Lent. St. John 8: 46-59; Heb. 9: 11-15. Day's Length, 11 hours, 54 min.
Sunday   17   St. Patrick     Matth.24: 32-51   12 34   1 2 3   2 south 8 8   8   6 3   5 57   5
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Saturday   23   Wolfgang   " 27: 3-31   5 50   2 11   2 rises 4 41   7   5 56   6 4   11
12] Palm Sunday. St. John 12: 1-16; Phil. 2: 5-11. Day's Length, 12 hours, 12 min.
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Thursday 28 Maunday Thurs. " 13: 1-30 10 36 25 25 Spica rises 7 24 5 5 49 6 11 16
Friday 29 Good Friday " 13: 31-14 11 44 & 9 Sirius south 6 6 5 5 48 6 12 17
Saturday   30   John Heermann   " 15   morn.   23   8 Orion sets 11 35   4   5 47   6 13   18
13] Easter Sunday. St. John 20: 1-10; Col. 3: 1-11. Day's Length, 12 hours, 30 min.
Sunday   31   Easter Sunday   John 20     12 48   31 st. Rigel sets 11 54   4   5   45   6   15   19
MOON'S PHASES, CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.
Last Quarter, 2d day, 2 o'clock, 26 min. Afternoon. 1, 2, 3, clear, cold; 4, 5, moderate and cloudy; 6, 7,
New Moon, 9th 7 " 51 " Morning. rain; 8, 9, 10, fair; 11, 12, cloudy; 12, 14, 15, N. W. cold; First Quarter, 16th 9 " 20 " Morning.
Full Moon, 24th " 8 " 40 " Evening. 16, 17, variable; 18, snow; 19, 20, 21, cold; 22, 23, 24,
Last Quarter, 31st " 9 " 28 " Morning, rain; 25, 26, cold; 27, 28, snow storm; 29, 30, 31, fair.



A CALL TO THE MINISTRY.

What constitutes a call to the ministry? If you see a man starving, is not that a call to give him food? If you see a man drowning, is not that a call to help him? Why wait to see a sign from Heaven, or to hear a voice from the clouds?

Are there not many starving spiritually? Is not this a call to you to give them the bread of life? Are there not many on the way to eternal death? Is not this a call to you to do all in your power to rescue them?

The urgent demand for ministers, your qualifications, your willingness, your desire to do good these constitute a call, and not something magical, a dream, or a sign in the heavens.

1. The demand for devoted ministers is great in all denominations, but particularly so in our own Church. Look at the overgrown charges, having

from 2000 to 3000 baptized and confirmed members, enough for four or five ministers. Then there are from 50 to 75 vacant charges in the Church. In many, very many places, we have abundant material for organizing good congregations, but have not the ministers to send. No Protestant Church could do more in the South than we, if we only had more ministers; and the great West is a ripe mission field.

The foreign emigration is great. Annually tens of thousands come in. Many of those from Germany are members of our own Church. These are starving for the bread of life. They need ministers who understand American life and institutions, and who are able, at the same time, to minister to them in their own language.

2. Your bodily qualifications. Have you good health, good sight and hearing, and no impediment in your speech? Then you have the physical qualifications.

3. Mental qualifications. Do you love study? Are you quick at learning? Are you persevering, so as to pass through the whole preparation of academy, college and seminary?

4. Spiritual qualifications. Are you an earnest

4. Spiritual qualifications. Are you an earnest Christian? Is your heart in the work? Do you desire to do good? to save souls? You have learned in our Catechism, that you are not your own, but belong to your faithful Saviour, Jesus Christ? Do you realize this, and are you willing to dedicate yourself to His service in the ministry—to spend and be spent for Him, His Church, His glory?

Now, seeing the great need of ministers, and having the proper qualifications, are you ready and willing, like Isaiah, to say: "Here am I: send

(Read the "Ripe Harvest," published by our Publication Board.)

Expressive.—Rev. Dr. Bushnell calls the demand for female suffrage, "an attempt to make trumpets out of flutes, and sunflowers out of violets."

School children who read the newspapers are found to be better acquainted with geography, spelling, the meaning of words, grammar, and are more generally intelligent than those who do not. This is a significant but undoubted fact.

An idle brain is the devil's workshop.

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Weeks and Days.	markable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.		Moon's Signs, s. d.	Miscellaneous Particulars.	s. Sun Sun O style h.m. h.m.
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14] 1st Sunda	ay after Easter.	St. John 20: 19-	-31; 1	John o	: 4-10. Day's Length, 1	2 hours, 48 min.
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17] 4th Sund	ay after Easter.	St. John 16: 5	5-15; J	as. 1:1	6-21. Day's Length, 1	3 hours, 40 min.
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### MOON'S PHASES,

New Moon, 7th day, 7 o'clock, 30 min. Evening. First Quarter, 15th " 5 " 10 " Evening. Full Moon, 23d " 8 " 36 " Morning. Last Quarter, 30th " 3 " 18 " Morning.

### CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, rain; 3, 4, 5, clear; 6, 7, cloudy, rainy; 8, 9, variable; 10, storm, with showers; 11, 12, 13, fair; 14, 15, 16, variable; '17, 18, 19, clear; 20, cloudy; 21, 22, thunder showers; 23, 24, 25, clear; 26, 27, 28, pleasant, warm; 29, 30, thunder showers.

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### THE EARLY HISTORY OF HOME MISSIONS.

The work of Home Missions is now carried on very systematically, by the Board of Missions; but it was not so before the organization of this Board.

The early history of the work is very interesting, though very short, and shows how little can be done without system, and how weak our first efforts were.

The first Synodical action on record was taken at Philadelphia in 1812, when it was resolved to send several ministers to the Western country, as missionaries. Synod directed a collection for missions to be taken in each congregation.

One year later Synod resolved, that all licentiates be required to make a missionary tour of two or three months. At the same time Rev. James R. Reily was appointed a missionary to North Carolina. Two years later he reported reasonable success.

In 1814 Mr. Hauck was sent to South Carolina, and was paid \$30 out of the Mission fund.

In 1815 Synod sent Rev. Mr. Weinel to North Carolina, with a view to permanent settlement; and Mr. Habliston was sent to Greensburg, Pa.

In 1816 Mr. Weiss was appointed missionary to Ohio. In 1817 Messrs. Reily and Zuilch were sent to North Carolina. In 1819 Rev. George Leidy, by appointment of Synod, visited the Caro-

linas and Virginia.

This missionary work was conducted by a Committee on Missions, until 1826, when it was resolved to organize a Missionary Society, which should have charge of all missionary operations. Next year a constitution for such Society was adopted. The Society was called, "The American Missionary Society of the German Reformed Church." It reported to Synod, though it was independent of it, (the members being the annual contributors of at least \$1.00 per year; life members, those giving \$25 at one time; life managers, \$100,

This plan did not succeed very well. Hence in 1832 Synod took the missionary work directly into its own hands, and managed it by a Board annually appointed, in which all the Classes were represented. This arrangement continued until 1866, when the whole work passed over into the hands

of the Board of the General Synod.

### OUR CATECHISMS.

Our Publication Board have issued nine catechisms, i.e., four styles of the Heidelberg Catechism and five grades of catechisms prepared by individual ministers.

Heidelberg Catechism. Exercises on it (by Dr. Fisher).

Palatinate Catechism.

Catechism Simplified (by Dr. Fisher). Child's Catechism (by Dr. Harbaugh).

Dr. Schaff's Catechism.

Child's Catechism (by Rev. N. S. Strassburger). Child's Catechism on the Bible (by Rev. A. C. Whitmer).

Catechism on Sacred Geography (by Rev. A. C.

Whitmer).

All of these are more or less used in the families and Sunday-schools of the Church. If you are without any of them, send for a copy and examine it. You may find a change good in your family or school.

Weeks and Days.   Daily Bible Lessons.   Moon's Signs.   Miscellaneous Particulars.   S. Sun S. rises s. h. m. s. d.   Marcellaneous Particulars.   S. Sun S. particulars.   S. p	sets style					
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18] 5th Sunday after Easter. St. John 16: 23-33; Jas. 1: 22-27. Day's Length, 13 hours, 5	64 min.					
Monday   6   John of Damasc.   " 21   4   36   29   \$\psi\$ stationary   3   5   2   6   5   10   20   \$\psi\$ wednesday   Thursday   Stanislaus   " 3   4   4   5   5   5   5   5   5   5   5	$egin{array}{cccc} 7 & 0 & 26 \\ 7 & 1 & 27 \\ 7 & 2 & 28 \\ \hline \end{array}$					
Saturday   11   John Arndt     " 8     10 42     19   Arctur south 10 55   A   4   4   57   7   19   6th Sunday after Easter. St. John 15: 26—16: 14; 1 Pet. 4: 8–11. Day's Length, 14 hours,						
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20] Whit Sunday or Pentecost. St. John 14: 15-31; Acts 2: 1-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 2	22 min.					
Sunday       19 Whit Sunday       John 15       2 52       11 12       12 rises 11 32       4 4 49 7         Monday       20 Whit Monday       " 16       3 20       2 sets 11 6       4 4 48 7         Tuesday       21 Constantine       John 1       3 51       11 12       2 sets 11 6       4 4 48 7         Wednesday       22 Ember Day       " 2       3 51       2 11       2 26       22d. § gr. Elo. West       4 4 48 7         Thursday       23 Jerome Savonar.       " 3       8 25       12       3 27       in per. 2 rises 3 58       3 4 46 7         Saturday       25 Augustine       " 5       10 40       2 12       Regulus sets 12 34       3 4 45 7	7 12 8 7 12 9 7 13 10 7 14 11 7 14 12 7 15 13					
21] Trinity Sunday. St. John 3: 1-15; Rev. 4: 1-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 32 min.						
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Mars ( & ) is the 17th in conjunction with the Sun, and cannot be seen this month.

### MOON'S PHASES.

 New Moon,
 7th day,
 8 o'clock,
 16 min.
 Morning.

 First Quarter,
 15th " 11 " 2 " Forenoon.

 Full Moon,
 22d " 6 " 6 " Evening.

 Last Quarter,
 29th " 9 " 10 " Morning.

### CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, rain; 8, 9, 10, 11, fair; 12, thunder; 13, 14, 15, clear; 16, 17, 18, warm, sultry; 19, 20, 21, rain; 22, thunder; 23, 24, 25, pleasant, warm; 26, 27, cloudy; 28, 29, variable; 30, 31, thunder showers



### "I BELIEVE."

"I believe." So you say in the Apostles' Creed. But does it mean simply that you believe the great facts there set forth? Does it mean only that you believe in the existence of the Trinity, the Church, and the world to come? Oh no, but far more than this.

It means that you stand in the power of that Father's love, in the life of the Son, and in the sanctifying grace of the Holy Ghost. You mean to confess, that you are in the bosom of that Holy Catholic Church, really in the Communion of Saints, actually enjoy the forgiveness of sins, stand in comforting hope of a blessed resurrection, and are now already a partaker of the everlasting life.

The world believes the facts of the Creed, but cannot make such a confession as you make.

### THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST,

Christ ascended info Heaven, for several rea-

1. To show the disciples their error in expecting Him to reëstablish the ancient kingdom of the Jews. They were delighted with the notion of a "Kingdom;" once the Jews tried to force Him to be their King (John 6: 15); and just before the ascension, even His disciples asked, "Wilt thou at this time restore again the Kingdom to Israel?" Of course His ascension would show them their error.

2. It was part of His exaltation. Nothing in His life was sudden or abrupt. His humiliation was a gradual process—birth, sufferings, death, burial, and descent; so was His exaltation—resurrection, ascension, and sitting at God's right hand.

3. It opened the way for the coming of the Holy Ghost. The adorable Trinity was revealed to man gradually; first the Father, then the Son, and lastly the Spirit. Christ Himself says that His ascension was necessary, in order to the coming of the Holy Ghost. Whether we can understand the necessity or not, the fact is plain, from John 16: 7.

### WHITSUNTIDE.

The Holy Ghost came into the world to carry forward the work of Christ. (How significantly St. Luke, in Acts 1: 1, speaks of what Jesus began to do and teach!) He does this by the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments, working in and through these divinely-appointed means.

appointed means.

But you ask, why then does the work of Christ go forward so slowly? Simply because men hinder the Holy Ghost, resist His working, strive against Him, and so prevent Him from leading them to Christ, to forgiveness and to eternal life.

The Holy Ghost is the world's only hope, and we truly live in the last times. Therefore to continue to resist the Spirit is to make our salvation impossible. But to yield ourselves to His gracious working, "led by the Spirit," is to insure our salvation. He quickens and fashions us like unto our blessed Lord.

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### - 6th Month, 30 Days.

1872.

Weeks and Days. Remarkable Days. Daily Bible Lessons. Moon's Signs. h. m. Signs. s. d. Miscellaneous Particulars. Signs. lars. Sun Sun Sun Sun lars.
Saturday   1 J. Fred. Oberlin  Rom. 6: 19—7    2 19    14   12 rises 10 42
22] . 1st Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke 16: 19-21; 1 John 4: 7-21. Day's Length, 14 hours, 40 min.
Sunday       2 Pothinus       Rom. 8       2 44       26       Libræ south 10 2       2 4 40 7 20 21         Monday       3 Chlotilde       2 Cor. 5       3 14       8       2 sets 10 26       2 4 39 7 21 22         Tuesday       4 Quirinus       Acts 1 & 2       3 50       20       0 5 th. 6 0 to 2 th. 6 0 th. 6
23] 2d Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke 14: 16-24; 1 John 3: 13-24. Day's Length, 14 hours, 46 min.
Sunday       9 Columba       Acts 7       10 16 16 17 23 28         Monday       10 Fr'd. Barbarossa       "8       10 46 22 24 sets 10 6       14 36 7 24 29         Tuesday       11 Barnabas       "9       11 18 18 12 14       14 Regulus sets 11 24       0 4 36 7 24 30         Thursday       13 Isaac le Febre       "11 morn.       Altair south 12 18 12 24       4 35 7 25 J.         Friday       15 W. Wilberforce       1 Pet. 2: 11 3: 7 12 56 25 3       Arctur south 8 36       0 4 35 7 25 3
24] 3d Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke 15: 1-10; 1 Pet. 5: 6-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 min.
Sunday       16 Richard Baxter       Richard Baxter       1 Pet. 3: 18-4: 16       1 22 \$\frac{1}{2}\$
25] 4th Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke 6: 36-42; Rom. 8: 18-23. Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 min.
Sunday Monday       23 GottfriedArnold James 5 Monday       Jude       10 4
26] 5th Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke 5: 1-11; 1 Pet. 3: 8-15. Day's Length, 14 hours, 48 min.
Sunday   30 Raymond Lully    Acts 17    1 26   5    24 sets 9 18    3   4 36   7 24   18

### MOON'S PHASES,

 New Moon,
 5th day, 10 o'clock, 20 min.
 Evening.

 First Quarter,
 14th " 2 " 18 " Morning.

 Full Moon,
 21st " 1 " 56 " Morning.

 Last Quarter,
 27th " 4 " 25 " Afternoon.

 1, 2, 3, clear;

 9, 10, clear; 11,

 der; 17, 18, var

 25, thunder shows

 showers.

### CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, clear; 4, 5, cloudy; 6, 7, thunder showers; 8, 9, 10, clear; 11, 12, cloudy; 13, 14, 15, warm; 16, thunder; 17, 18, variable; 19, 20, 21, fair; 22, 23, warm; 24, 25, thunder showers; 26, 27, 28, clear; 29, 30, fair, with showers.



### THE OLDEST MINISTER.

The oldest minister in our Church is Rev. John Zuilch, of Steinsville, Lehigh Co., Pa. He was licensed by the Synod held in New Holland, Lancaster Co., Pa., in September 1816, and was placed over the same congregations to which he ministers to day yet—a pastorate of fifty-five years. He has been longer in the active service of the ministry than any other, whose name is now on our Church register.

"Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man, and fear thy God.

I am the Lord." (Lev. 19: 32.)

### DO NOT PUT IT OFF TO A DYING HOUR.

Many good people intend to do liberal things the family as usual, retire to my for the Church, but, alas, they put it off from year to year, till death suddenly cuts them off, and all to rest, and wake up in glory."

their plans and purposes for good, are defeated for ever. Is not this delay a great and fearful mistake? Only one year ago the Church lost from five to ten thousand dollars, by the sudden death of an aged minister, who delayed too long in offering his gift.

Make your bequests now, and you will be more happy in life and in death! Our institutions of learning and work of missions and beneficiary education stand in great need of all that the liberal hearts of the Church can possibly devise.

Let not the Lord's cause be remembered last, and perhaps entirely overlooked. Rather should He, from whom we receive all good, be remembered with our first and our best gift. How happy, too, must be the death of those, who have, in this as well as in other things, done their whole duty and in good time!

### UNION CHURCHES.

At the Synod, held at Mechanicsburg, Pa., in Oct. 1870, the delegate from the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium, of Pennsylvania and adjacent states, called the attention of Synod to the action of the Ministerium, asking the cooperation of Synod in suppressing the evil of building so-called Union churches.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved: That as a Synod, we most cordially unite with the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium in efforts to suppress the evil of building so-called "Union churches;" and we hereby urgently request all our congregations to build only exclusively Reformed churches, wherever it is at all practicable.

### ALWAYS READY, BUT AT WORK.

A lady once asked Mr. Wesley, "If you knew you were to die at twelve o'clock to-morrow night, how would you spend the intervening time?"

He replied; "Just as I now intend to spend it. I should preach this evening at Gloucester, and again at five to-morrow morning; after that I should ride to Tewkesbury, preach in the afternoon, and meet the societies in the evening. I should then repair to friend Martin's house, who expects to entertain me, converse and pray with the family as usual, retire to my room at ten o'clock, commend myself to my Heavenly Father, lie down to rest, and wake up in glory."

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Weeks and Days.   Daily Bible Lessons.   Miscellaneous Particulars.   Sil rises sets   Sil ri
Monday   1   H. Voes   Acts 17: 15; 18: 11   1 50   20   17   ½ rises 8 40   U   4 4 36 7 24 19   24   20   25   27   27   28   29   ½ gr. Hel. Lat. N. ⊙ in 4 4 36 7 24 20   28   29   ½ gr. Hel. Lat. N. ⊙ in 4 4 36 7 24 20   29   ½ gr. Hel. Lat. N. ⊙ in 4 4 36 7 24 20   20   20   20   20   20   20   2
Saturday   6 John Huss     " 5     8 26   Din apo. D 6 & H 4   4 38   7 22   24   27   6th Sunday after Trinity. St. Matthew 5: 20-26; Rom. 6: 3-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 44 min.
Sunday       7       Willibald Millibald       2 Thes. 1; 2: 1-12 (1.13); 3       9 10 (2.13); 3       2 29 (3.12); 2 25 (4.24); 2 25 (4.24); 3 2 24 (4.24); 3 2 24 (4.24); 3 2 24 (4.24); 3 2 24 (4.24); 3 2 24 (4.24); 3 2 24 (4.24); 3 2 24 (4.24); 3 2 24 (4.24); 3 2 24 (4.24); 3 2 24 (4.24); 3 2 24 (4.24); 3 2 24 (4.24); 3 2 24 (4.24); 3 2 24 (4.24); 3 2 24 (4.24); 3 2 24 (4.24); 3
28] 7th Sunday after Trinity. St. Mark 8: 1-9; Rom. 6: 19-23. Day's Length, 14 hours, 36 min.
Sunday       14 Bonaventura       Gal. 4       12 15
29] 8th Sunday after Trinity. St. Matthew 7: 15-23; Rom. 8: 12-17. Day's Length; 14 hours, 24 min.
Sunday       21 Eberhard       1 Cor. 7       8 34       12 Regulus sets 8 44       6 4 48 7 12 9         Monday       22 Mary Magdalen       " 8 & 9       9 12       27       27       6 4 48 7 12 10       6 4 48 7 12 10       6 4 48 7 12 10       6 4 49 7 11 11       11 11       11 11       12 10
30] 9th Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke 16: 1-9; 1 Cor. 10: 6-13. Day's Length, 14 hours, 14 min-
Sunday       28 Jno. Seb. Bach       1 Cor. 15: 1-34 Monday       11 54 Monday       13 6 9 24 Orion rises 2 52 6 4 53 7 7 16 Monday         Monday       29 Olaus       " 15:35; 16 Monday       " 15:35; 16 Monday       " 12 22 Monday       Wega south 9 59 Monday       6 4 54 7 6 17 Monday         Tuesday       30 John Wessel       Acts 19:11; 20:1 Monday       12 22 Monday       7 Pollux sets 8 3 Monday       6 4 55 7 5 18 Monday         Wednesday       31 Jno. Cas. Schade       2 Cor. 1: 1-22 Monday       12 56 Monday       19 Monday       19 Monday
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Venus ( $\varphi$ ) is on the 16th, in his superior conjunction with the Sun, and passes from Morning to Evening Star.

### MOON'S PHASES,

New Moon, 5th day, 1 o'clock, 22 min. Afternoon.
First Quarter, 13th " 2 " 46 " Afternoon.
Full Moon, 20th " 8 " 52 " Morning.
Last Quarter, 27th " 2 " 16 " Morning.

### CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, showers; 4, 5, clear; 6, 7, rain; 8, 9, 10, fair, warm; 11, 12, 13, warmest days; 14, 15, thunder showers; 16, 17, 18, warm; 19, cloudy; 20, 21, variable; 22, 23, rain; 24, 25, 26, warm; 27, thunder showers; 28, 29, 30, clear; 31, fair.



OUR CHURCH FIFTY YEARS AGO.

BY REV. D. WILLERS, D. D.

Fifty years ago, our Church, for the most part, was really the German Reformed Church; German being spoken in the pulpits, Consistories, Classes and Synods. English was but seldom heard. At that time, too, the number of ministers was very small When Rev. Michael Schlatter came to America in 1746, he found only four. In 1791 there were seventeen; in 1800, thirty-one; in 1809, thirty-seven; in 1817, forty-seven; in 1822, sixtyeight; and the increase for many years afterward was very slow; though now we have over five hundred.

Forty-five years ago the first Home Missionary Society was organized. Before that, the Synod would send out young men to destitute regions (Ohio, North Carolina, &c.). Indeed every young

man was required, after licensure, to devote some time to this traveling missionary work. Now we have one hundred missionaries. About thirtythree years ago, the Foreign Missionary Board was organized at Lancaster, Pa.

Forty-five years ago (1825) the Eastern Theological Seminary was first opened at Carlisle, with five students, and to its support was devoted what little benevolent money could be raised in the Church; but not enough could be gathered to put up a building. So when the Seminary in 1829 was removed to York, Pa., Rev. Dr. Lewis Mayer taught his students in a common school-house!

Fifty years ago very many of our churches were "Union" churches, owned by Reformed and Lutherans, owing to the poverty of the people. Indeed many congregations worshiped in schoolhouses, barns, and even in the open air. They labored under many difficulties.

Having no College, no Seminary, and no Missionary or Education Boards, very little benevolent money was raised, and the people were not trained to giving as they now are.

Ministers fifty years ago traveled not in buggies, gigs, or carry-alls, but on horseback, over mountains and hills, through rivers and creeks. If the water was too deep for fording, they would swim on horse-back; and in winter cross on the ice. If the minister was not able to keep a horse, he walked to his congregations, often ten or twelve miles. These men never were troubled with the gout!

When they had six, eight or ten congregations, of course they could serve them only once in three, four or five weeks on Sunday, and occasionally on a week-day. But as the Lutheran minister commonly preached the same number of times, and both congregations worshiped together, they had service about every two weeks.

Fifty years ago the minister received but little salary, and this was often paid mainly in wheat, vegetables, &c. . The average salary of a country minister was surely not more than \$300, besides a little income from confirmations, marriages and funerals; while in the city \$600 was thought large.

Ordination generally took place in the Synod. It was not at first entrusted to the Classes. After a sermon came the liturgical service, according to the Palatinate liturgy, and the solemn laying on of hands. Though installation was practiced by the Reformed Church in Europe, yet formerly in this country it was not practiced,

Weeks and Days.    Daily Bible   Moon Moon's Signs.   Miscellaneous Particulars.   S. Sun Sun Signs.   Lessons.   M. m.   Signs.   Lessons.   Miscellaneous Particulars.   S. Sun Sun rises sets   h. m.   h.	8
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31] 10th Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke 19: 41-48; 1 Cor. 12: 5-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 0 mi	in
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32] 11th Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke 18: 9-14; 1 Cor. 15: 1-10. Day's Length, 13 hours, 44 mg	
Sunday Monday       11 Greg. of Utrecht   2 Cor. 12: 19; 13   11 22   22   26   12   22   24   25   26   26   26   26   26   27   27   27	31 A. 2 3 4
33] 12th Sunday after Trinity. St. Mark 7: 31-37; 2 Cor. 3: 4-11. Day's Length, 13 hours, 28 m	in.
Sunday       18 Hugo Grotius       Rom. 5: 1-11       D rises.       21 Sebaldus       18th. 7* rises 10 22       4 5 16 6 44         Tuesday       20 Bernard of Clair.       " 5: 12-21       7 45       5 Aldebaran ri. 11 37       3 5 17 6 43         Wednesday       21 For. Mis. of Mor.       " 7       8 40       2 Regulus rises 1 35       3 5 19 6 41         Thursday       Symphorianus       " 8: 1-15       9 6       14 5 south 9 21       3 5 20 6 40         Friday       Gasp. de Coligne       " 8: 16-39       9 24       27 6 \$ 9 6 \$	7 8 9 10 11
34] 13th Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke 10: 23-27; Gal. 3: 15-22. Day's Length, 13 hours, 12 m	in.
Sunday       25 Louis IX       Rom. 9: 14-33       10 33       21       25th. ygr.Hl. Lat.S.       2 5 24 6 36         Monday       26 Ulfilas       " 10       11 6 3       Dog Days end       2 5 25 6 35         Tuesday       27 Jovinian       " 11       11 39       15 27 6 33         Wednesday       28 Aug. of Hippo       " 12       15 28 6 32         Thursday       29 John Bapt. B'd       " 13       12 29       y south 8 58       15 29 6 31         Friday       30 Claud. of Turin       " 14       1 38       21       y in apo. 6 y inferior       0 5 30 6 30         Saturday       31 Aidan       " 15: 1-13       2 46       3       3 5 24 5 rises 2 24       0 5 31 6 29	14 15 16 17 18

Jupiter (4) is on the 2d in conjunction with the Sun, and cannot be seen.

### MOON'S PHASES.

#### CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

New Moon, 4th day, 4 o'clock, 44 min. Morning. Full Moon, 18th " 3 " 51 " Afternoon.

Last Quarter, 25th " 8 " 32 " Afternoon. 1, 2, cloudy, rainy; 3, 4, 5, clear, warm; 6, 7, 8, variable; 9, 10, 11, warm, with thunder; 12, 18, 14, clear; 15, 16, warm; 17, 18, 19, thunder showers; 20, 21, fair; 22, cloudy; 23, 24, showers; 25, 26, 27, clear; 28, 29, rain; 30, 31, variable.



The Synodical proceedings were first printed in 1817 in the German language; but from 1825, in

both German and English.

The first English Church paper we had was a monthly magazine edited by Dr. Lewis Mayer, and called, "Magazine of the German Reformed Church." It was commenced January, 1828. Its title was changed January, 1832 to "Messenger of the German Reformed Church." It was published semi-monthly from January, 1833, and became a weekly in 1835. The "Christliche Zeitschrift" was our first German Church Paper, and was edited by Rev. Samuel Gutelius, Rev. Dr. B. S. Schneck and Rev. J. C. Guldin. It was begun in 1827, and is now called the "Reformerte Kirchenzeitung." What is now the "Reformed Church Messenger" came into existence in 1835.

Our Church in this country has always been small, has had many difficulties and serious opposi-

tion, and been much affected by stronger Churches. But we have for twenty years past been awakening to a sense of our own history, position and duty; and our Institutions, Boards and general Church work give great promise for our future.

Our Church in fifty years hence will be as far in advance of the present, as the present is in

advance of 1820.

### THE EARLY HISTORY OF BENEFICIARY EDUCATION. •

As in the work of Home Missions, so in the case of Beneficiary Education, from fifty to seventy years ago, the beginning was weak, and the progress slow. Then, as now, there was need of more ministers; these came mainly from the poor; and they had to be supported in part by the Church,

while preparing for the holy ministry.

The first beneficiary student on Synodical record was Samuel Helffenstein. In 1793, he obtained permission from Coetus to enter upon a course of study, and was placed under the care of a Mr. Melsheimer of McCallister (now Hanover), Pa. One year later, contributions were requested from the congregations to enable him to prosecute his studies. In 1796 he was licensed, and advised to settle at Shamokin, Pa. A few years afterwards he took charge of Race Street Church, Philadelphia.

In 1807 funds were appropriated to the support of Jacob Dechant, who prosecuted his studies under the Rev. Dr. Becker. In 1815 it was resolved to take up collections to aid a son of Mr. Ingold, formerly a Reformed minister, in prosecuting his studies. So in 1817 Rev. L. Mayer was authorized by Synod to appropriate moneys collected in his charge to the support of a student under his care. In 1820, Synod appropriated \$50 to the support of William Zinn, a student of Rev. Jona. Helffenstein, of Hagerstown, Md. The same was done in his case for two years afterward, and in other cases for several years.

But at length it was found necessary to carry forward this work of supporting theological students in a more orderly way. Accordingly in 1829 Synod constituted the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary a Board of Beneficiary Education. This Board then formally assumed the task of raising funds for this cause, and has ever since acted in this capacity under the direction of Synod.

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Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon Moon's   R&S Signs.  h. m. s. d.		s. Sun Sun O fs. rises sets style m h.m. h.m.
35] 14th S	lunday after Trinity.	St. Luke 17: 1	11–19; Gal. 5:	: 16-24. Day's Length, 1	12 hours, 54 min.
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36] 15th S	unday after Trinity.	St. Matthew 6: 2	24-34; Gal. 5:	25-6: 10. Day's Length,	12 hours, 38 min.
Wednesday Thursday Friday	8 Corbinian 9 Lorigi Paschali 10 Paul Speratus 11 John Brenz. 12 Dionys's Peloq'n 13 Wm. Farel 14 Cyprian		11 8 7 21 12 6 3 5 12 46 19 1 32 3	30th. 8 rises 2 4	3 5 43 6 17 28 3 5 44 6 16 29 4 5 45 6 15 30 4 5 47 6 13 31 4 5 48 6 12 S.
37] 16th S	unday after Trinity.	St. Luke 7: 1	1-17; Eph. 3:	13-21. Day's Length,	12 hours, 20 min.
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	15 Ar. v. Goumb'h 16 Euphemia 17 Lambert 18 Ember Day 19 Thos. of St. Paul 20 Magdal. Luther 21 Matthew	" 6: 10 Col. 1 " 2; 3: 1–14 " 3: 5; 4	4 39 14 D rises. 27 7 20 10 7 46 22 8 10 22 5	\$\frac{\frac{1}{2}}{2} \text{ Fises 5 10}\$ \$\frac{1}{2} \text{ Trib. Orion ri. 11 45}\$ \$\frac{1}{2} \text{ stationary}\$ \$\frac{2}{2} \text{ rises 1 49}\$ \$\frac{1}{2} \text{ \$\frac{1}{2}} \text{ south 7 33}\$	5 5 50 6 10 3 5 5 52 6 8 4 2 6 5 53 6 7 5 6 5 54 6 6 6 6 5 56 6 4 7 7 5 57 6 3 8 7 5 58 6 2 9
38] 17th S	lunday after Trinity.	St. Luke 14:	: 1-11; Eph. 4	4: 1–16. Day's Length,	12 hours, 0 min.
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	22 Emmeram 23 5 Mar. of Gen'a. 24 John J. Moser 25 Augsb'g Treaty 26 Lioba 27 Phil. Graveron 28 Fleisteden & Clar'h	" 3; 4 1 Tim. 1 " 2 " 3: 1; 13 " 3:13; 5: 10	9 44 00 11 10 25 00 23 11 14 00 5 10 12 9 00 29	O enters 2. Day and Night Equal.  Autumn commences. Q  24th. Antares s. 8 3'  Sirius rises 1 24  D in apo. Q sets 6 49  6 D # 47 rises 1 19  2 gr.Hel.Lt,N.D 6 27 8	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
39] 18th S	funday after Trinity.	St. Matthew 22	2: 34-46; 1 Con	r. 1: 4-9. Day's Length,	11 hours, 42 min.
	29 St. Michael 30 Jerome	1 Tim. 5: 17	2 11   24 3 19   7	3 rises 1 39 Andromeda south 11 33	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
	MOON'S PHASI	ES,	, c	ONJECTURES OF THE W	EATHER.

 New Moon,
 2d day,
 7 o'clock, 51 min.
 Evening.

 First Quarter,
 10th " 9 " 2 " Morning.

 Full Moon,
 17th " 12 " 4 " Morning.

 Last Quarter,
 24th " 8 " 20 " Morning.

1, 2, 8, fair, warm; 4, 5, thunder showers; 6, 7, 8, clear, 9, 10, variable; 11, 12, 13, cloudy, rainy; 14, 15, 16, clear; 17, 18, thunder storm; 19, 20, 21, fair; 22, variable; 28, 24, rain; 25, 26, 27, clear; 28, fair; 29, 30, variable.



THE REFORMED OHUROH IN THE WEST.

BY REV. I. H. REITER.

### BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Before 1820, the work of missions in the Reformed Church in the West, received little attention and aid, and was carried on by a few individual ministers, rather than by any organized effort. For the next twenty years the cause of missions gradually increased in importance, and the Church became more deeply conscious of its wants and duty in this direction. The Synod of Ohio, and the Classes began to awaken on the subject, and brought it into discussion and legislation.

The Synod at Greensburg, Pa., in Sept., 1844, in order to give system and force to the work, created a Board of Home Missions, two members being selected from each Classis. This Board organized as follows:

Rev. Nicholas P. Hacke, President.

"David Winters, Vice President.

" Jesse Steiner, Secretary.

Hon. Joseph Stuckey, Treasurer.

The Synod also recommended to the several Classes the propriety of organizing Classical missionary Societies, to be auxiliary to the Parent Board, and annually to submit to it reports of their operations.

In 1845 a Constitution, together with some By Laws, was adopted for the government of the Board, and revised in 1851. Its members were elected in part by the Synod and in part by the Classes, until in 1858, when the Constitution was so altered that the whole Board, numbering 15 members, was elected by the Synod alone.

The Board of the Synod of Ohio, in accordance with the recommendation of the General Synod at Pittsburg, Pa, in 1863, became dissolved, in 1865, by uniting with the Board of the Eastern Synod in the organization of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod.

A new impetus was given to missionary work in the West, by the establishment of the "Western Missionary" in 1849, and the permanent founding of the Western Educational Institutions at Tiffin in 1850. From that time the work took more definite form, assumed greater importance, created more interest, and was subsequently carried forward with commendable zeal and good results,

The amount paid out by the Board, from 1845 to 1865, according to the reports in the Synodical Minutes, is \$18,803. But as some appropriations were made by Classical authority, the total amount was perhaps upwards of \$20,000.

From 1865 to 1870, in consequence of the aforesaid dissolution, the Synod of Ohio had no Board of Home Missions. But in 1870, it created a Board, composed of six members, to be auxiliary to the General Board.

#### BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Synod of Ohio, in August, 1848, took definite action to establish a Church paper in the West, and the publication of "The Western Missionary" was begun on the first of January, 1849, under the editorial care of Rev. J. H. Good.

Also during this Synod the first Board of Publication in the West was elected. The Board is elected annually by the Synod. Its duties now

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Thursday	3 The two Ewaldes		6 46	20	Altair south 7 9	11 6 14 5 46 21
_ Friday	4 Franciscus	2 Tim. 1	7 16	5	6 D 9 9 sets 6 40	11 6 15 5 45 22
Saturday	5 Petro Carnesec.	" 2	7 50 %	€ 20	Sirius rises 12 52	12 6 17 5 43 23
40] 19th A	Sunday after Trinity.	St. Matthew 9:			17-32. Day's Length, 1	1 hours, 24 min.
Sunday	6 Henry Albert	2 Tim. 3	8 31 6	<b>4</b> 3	\$ rises 1 30	12 6 18 5 42 24
Monday	7 Theodore Beza	4	9 18	18	\$ rises 1 30 □ b ⊙ 8.	12 6 19 5 41 25
Tuesday	8 Robt. of Lincoln	Heb. 1	10 16	2	Andromeda so. 11 6.	13 6 20 5 40 26
	9 Dionysius Areo.	. " 2	11 14 0	走 17	9th. 6 D h h sets 24 ris 12 46 [10 58	13 6 22 5 38 27
Thursday	10 Justus Jonas	" 3; <b>4</b>	morn.	14 14	2 ris 12 46 [10 58	13 6 23 5 37 28
Friday	11 Ulrich Zwingli	" 5	12 16 6	93 14	2 in 8. 7* rises 7 5	13 6 24 5 36 29
Saturday	12 Henry Bullinger	" 6	1 24	% 27	Dinper.Regulus ris. 1026	14 6 26 5 34 30
41] 20th	Sunday after Trinity.	St. Matthew 22	2: 1–14;	Eph. 5	5: 15-21. Day's Length,	11 hours, 6 min.
Sunday	13 Elizabeth Frey	Heb. 7	2 32  3	11	6 ♥ ⊙ superior ♀ sets 6 32	14 6 27 5 33 0
Monday	14 Nich. Ridley	" 8	3 41	23	9 sets 6 32	14 6 28 5 32 2
Tuesday	15 Aurelia	<b>"</b> 9: 1-14	4 48	6	Orion rises 9 57 16th. 21 rises 12 30	14 6 29 5 31 3
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Friday	18 St. Luke Ev.	" 10:19	6 48	मार्थ 14	5 rises 1 21	15 6 33 5 27 6
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42] 21st 8	Sunday after Trinity.	St. John 4: 46	5-54; Ep		10-20. Day's Length, 1	
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Tuesday	22 Hedwig	Matt. 3	9 20	<b>1</b>	9 sets 6 29	15 6 39 5 21 10
Wednesday	23 Henry Martin	" 4:1-22	10 8	<b>1</b> 3	O enters . 24th. D in apo. 6 D	16 6 40 5 20 11
Thursday	24 Arethas	" 4:23; 5:1-12	11 6	<b>25</b>	24th. Din apo. 6 D	16 6 41 5 19 12
Friday	25 John Herz	5: 13-32	morn.	The same	7* rises 6 10	16 6 42 5 18 13
Saturday	26 Frederick III.	<b>"</b> 5: 33-48	12 2 8	20	6 D 24 24 rises 12 12	16 6 44 5 16 14
43] 22d S	hunday after Trinity.	St. Matthew 18	: 21–35;	Phil. 1	1: 3-11. Day's Length, 1	10 hours, 30 min.
Sunday	27 Frumentius	Matt. 6	1 4 3	2		16 6 45 5 15 15
Monday	28 Simon and Jude	× 7	2 10 8	16	□ ₩ ⊙ b sets 9 35	16 6 46 5 14 16
Tuesday	29 Alfred the Great		3 19 8	0	Orion rises 9 8	16 6 47 5 13 17
Wednesday	30 Jacob Sturm	* 8: 18-34		14	Andromeda south 9 57	16 6 48 5 12 18
Thursday	31 Fest.of Reform'n	<b>"</b> 9				16 6 50 5 10 19
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### MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon, 2d day, 10 o'clock, 32 min. Forenoon.

First Quarter, 9th " 4 " 6 " Afternoon.

Full Moon, 16th " 10 " 36 " Forenoon.

Last Quarter, 24th " 3 " 55 " Morning.

### CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, clear; 3, 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, rain; 8, 9, 10, fair; 11, 12, 13, clear; 14, 15, cloudy; 16, 17, rain; 18, 19, 20, clear; 21, 22, 23, N. W. wind; 24, 25, variable; 26, 27, 28, fair; 29, 30, cloudy; 31, rain.



mainly relate to the publication of "The Christian World;" but will become more varied and extensive, as the publication interests of the Western Reformed Church increase.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The first Board of Beneficiary Education, for the West, was created and elected by the Synod of Ohio, in Sept. 1851, and was composed of Revs. George W Williard, Samuel B. Leiter, Emanuel V. Gerhart, Hiram Shaull, and Elder Jacob Kroh, Esq.

This Board, especially during the last ten years, has been efficiently operating in behalf of Beneficiary students, and, though the means at command have been inadequate to meet all the wants, has done a good work. The total amount of funds expended, according to the Synodical record, from 1853 to 1870, is about \$15,000.

#### HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

This Reformed Institution, located at Tiffin, O., was founded in 1850 by the Synod of Ohio, afterwards organized under a charter from the Legislature of Ohio, and opened about Nov. 1st, 1850. Its building was erected two years later.

The Board of Trustees was for ten years elected in part by the Classes. In 1867 the North Western Synod agreed to unite in electing an equal number (twenty-four)—which arrangement yet continues.

The finances of the College are in good condition. The endowment is steadily increasing, and the general working of the institution is prosperous.

#### THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT TIFFIN.

The first formal action of the Synod of Ohio, in regard to the establishment of a Theological Seminary in the West, was taken in May, 1833; but nothing definite was done untill 1838, when the Rev. Dr. J. G. Buettner was elected Professor of Theology; and the Seminary was temporarily located at Canton, O., and opened in the fall of the same year with the students (Henry Hess and Adam Stump). The Seminary, however, for want of means and support, suspended practical operations in about eighteen months from the time of its commencement.

In 1848, the subject was again revived by Synodical action. The Seminary was temporarily located at Columbus, Ohio (Rev. Andrew P. Freese Professor, pro tem.); and opened Oct. 31, of that year. Failed in 1849.

The Theological Seminary was permanently located at Tiffin in 1850, and opened June 1, 1851; since which time it has been gradually advancing in its endowment and practical efficiency, and is now doing a good work for the Church. One hundred and fourteen young men have here received their Theological education, in whole or in part, of whom eighty-five are now actively engaged in the ministry of the Reformed Church.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We should never forget, that Foreign Missions have a strong claim upon us. The Gospel is for "all the world." See the great promise of God to Abraham (Gen. 12: 3), with which the apostolic commission beautifully corresponds (Mat. 28: 19, 20)! How then can either the people or our Synods do so little for Foreign Missions?

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W	Teeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon   Mo   R & S   Sig   h. m.   s.	Miscellane	eous Particu-	Sun Sun Sun S rises sets sets h.m. h.m.
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45	5] 4th Su	anday before Advent.	St. Matthew 9	: 18-26; 0	Col. 1: 9–14. I	Day's Length, 10	hours, 14 min
M To W Tl F	unday onday uesday dednesday hursday riday uturday	3 Pirminus 4 John A. Bengel 5 Hans Egede 6 Gustav. Adolph. 7 Willibrord 8 Willehad 9 John v. Staupitz	John 21: 1-13 1 John 1, 2 " 3 " 4	7 59 9 2 1 10 14 3	13 8 6 9 9 8 28 Sirius rises 12 6 9 ½ ½ s 26 9 in per. Of 10 24 7* south 12	10 58 U10 ets 9 0 10 10 11 10 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 1	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
46	3] 3d Sun	day befare Advent.	St. Matthew 24: 1			Day's Length, 9	hours, 58 min
M To W Ti F	londay uesday Vednesday hursday riday	10 Martin Luther 11 Martin of Tours 12 Phil. de Mornay 13 Arcadius 14 Pet. Mart Verm 15 John Kepler 16 Casp. Creuziger	3 John Rev. 1 " 2 " 3 " 4; 5; 6	2 40 3 42 4 44 5 48	7 16 24 rises 11 Altair sets 2 10 b sets 2 22 15th.	18 11 <b>0</b> 8 32 D eclipse vis. 1	6   7   1   4   59   29   6   7   2   4   58   36   6   7   3   4   57   3   5   7   4   4   56   N   5   7   5   4   54   5   7   7   4   53   4   5   7   7   4   53   4   5   7   7   4   53   4   5   7   7   4   53   4   5   7   7   4   53   4   5   7   7   4   53   4   5   7   7   4   53   4   5   7   7   4   5   3   4   5   7   7   4   5   3   4   5   7   7   4   5   3   4   5   7   7   4   5   3   4   5   7   7   4   5   3   4   5   7   7   4   5   3   4   5   7   7   4   5   3   4   5   7   7   4   5   3   4   5   7   7   4   5   3   4   5   7   7   4   5   3   4   5   7   7   4   5   3   4   5   7   7   4   5   3   4   5   7   7   4   5   3   4   5   7   7   4   5   3   4   5   7   7   4   5   3   4   5   7   7   4   5   3   4   5   7   7   4   5   3   4   5   7   7   4   5   5   7   7   4   5   5   7   7   4   5   7   7   5   7   7   7   7   7   7
47	7] 2d Sun	day before Advent.	St. Matthew 25:	31-46; 2 '	Thess. 1: 3–10.	Day's Length, 9	hours, 44 min
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48	8] 1st Su	nday before Advent.	St. Matthew 25	5: 1-13; 2	Pet. 3: 3-14.	Day's Length, 9	hours, 32 min
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### MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon, 1st day, 12 o'clock, 30 min. Morning.
First Quarter, 7th " 10 " 55 " Evening.
Full Moon, 15th " 12 " 10 " Morning.
Last Quarter, 23d " 12 " 46 " Morning.
New Moon, 30th " 1 " 38 " Afternoon.

### CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, cloudy with rain; 3, 4, 5, clear; 6, 7, 8, variable; 9, 10, fair; 11, 12, 13, 14, Indian Summer; 15, 16, variable; 17, 18, rain and snow; 19, 20, 21, clear and cold; 22, 23, 24, Moderate; 25, 26, cloudy; 27, 28, 29, variable; 30, rain and snow.



#### AN EDUCATED MINISTRY.

Some persons are opposed to an educated ministry. Others are only indifferent in regard to it. Here are some things for such persons to consider:—

1. God has always had an educated ministry. Among the Jews, Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians (Acts 7: 22), which proved a great help to him in guiding the people.

David was educated in the family of king Saul. Solomon was the wisest of men (1 Kg. 4: 29-34). The priests and Levites spent part of their time in teaching the people. In the time of David, because new wants had arisen, the Prophet Samuel established "Schools of the Prophets." At Ramah (1 Sam. 19: 18-20), at Bethel (2 Kg. 2: 3) and at Gilgal (2 Kg. 4: 38), we find these schools, where young men were prepared for their duties as teachers of the people.

"But," says some one, "this was not in the

Christian Church. The apostles were not educated men." Are you so sure of this? They received instruction for three years from Jesus Himself, and their preaching shows that they made good use of their time. Was all His teaching as nothing? But why do you not refer to Paul? Not only had he a powerful mind, but also it was well trained and richly stored. He was called to preach to learned Greeks and Romans, to convince their philosophers and to silence their skeptics. An ignorant man could not have done this. Therefore in God's providence he was educated.

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The history of the Christian Church shows that from the time of the Apostles onward, great "Schools of the Prophets" were founded and maintained; and the writings of the Church Fathers all show great learning. The need of an educated ministry at that time is seen in the fact, that the Church was opposed by all the learning of both Judaism and heathenism, and an ignorant ministry could never have conquered such a foe.

2. God needs and wants an educated ministry now. A teacher must always know more than those whom he teaches. You see this plainly in the school. In our day people generally have considerable education. Many of our Church members are close thinkers as well as great readers. How can a minister with little learning minister to them? To say that the Holy Ghost gives a man all the fitness he needs, is simply foolish talk. The Holy Ghost enlightens, guides and strengthens a man in his work, but He does not give him brains. He fits every Christian man for his work, but the man must use the hand, the brains and the skill which God gave him. So with the minister.

The minister must know hundreds of things about sacred history, profane history, Church history, ancient languages, customs and laws, before

he can explain the Bible.

If he has no education, what can he do when learned infidels ask hard questions about the present translation, about ancient times, the origin and history of certain doctrines, the various changes in the government and faith and worship of the Church? How will he meet them when they try to show, that science and philosophy contradict the Bible?

No, No. He must be educated. Therefore we have our Colleges and Theological Seminaries, where young men spend from five to ten years in laying a broad foundation for the work of a life-time.

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3. The Church herself must educate many of her ministers, because most of them come from the poor, who cannot pay their own way. These we call "beneficiary students," and they are under the care of the "Board of Beneficiary Education." The Church gives them only part of what they need, and this always on condition, that they prepare for the ministry in our own Church. In case they ever become able to pay back what they have received, they are expected to do so.

Some of our beneficiaries live for years in great self-denial; and the Church would doubtless often support them much more liberally, if the people knew the painful bread-and-water facts in the case.

### QUITE A CONTRAST.

All the general benevolent Church enterprises in this country, cost last year about \$7,000,000; but the people paid more than ten times that Medicaments make the patient smart, but they heal.

amount of tax alone on tobacco, beer and whisky, to say nothing of the amount spent in buying these articles, at least seventy times the seven millions!

TOT CAMPACIA

Nearly all the English clergymen living between two and three hundred years ago, wore the moustache. Among them were the well-known names of George Herbert, Robert Herrick, Jeremy Taylor, Thomas Fuller, Robert Smith, John Knox, John Bunyan, Wickliffe, Cardinal Pole, Abp. Cranmer, Bishops Ridley, Latimer, Jewel, Skip, Day Abp. Laud, and a host of others.

### HOW TO ENJOY LIFE.

It is wonderful to what an extent people believe happiness depends on not being obliged to labor. Honest, hearty, contented labor is the only source of happiness, as well as the only guaranty of life. The gloom of misanthropy is not only a great destroyer of happiness we might have, but it tends to destroy life itself. Idleness and luxury induce premature decay much faster than many trades regarded as the most exhaustive and fatal to longevity. Labor in general, instead of shortening the term of life, actually increases it. It is the lack of occupation that annually destroys so many of the wealthy, who, having nothing to do, play the part of drones, and, like them, make a speedy exit, while the busy bee fills out its day in usefulness and honor.

Was not Johnson right when he said, "He who wants to do a great deal of good at once will never do any?" Good is done by degrees. There are constantly occurring "nicks" of time, in which words may be spoken to cheer and guide, or works performed that shall relieve the oppressed. Our wisdom lies in seizing all these and using them well, not in waiting for more convenient seasons. Far be it, therefore, from us to wait and wish for special opportunities and never, never find them.

It is reasonable to have the Bible in the house; it is profitable to have it in the head.

The best hints are obtained from snarling people.

#### THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH.

The Christian Church is a divine institution, founded, in its present outward organization, on the day of Pentecost, by the gracious coming of the Holy Ghost; and is God's means for the salvation of the race. Therefore it is called "the kingdom of God" (Jno. iii. 5; Col. i. 13), into which we must enter; "the family" of God (Eph. iii. 15), in which He gives us spiritual but real, food reimont and safety: "the holy" of Christ" food, raiment and safety; "the body of Christ," (Rom. xii. 5; 1 Cor. xii. 27; Eph. i. 22), in and from which we receive "everlasting life." Try always to feel that the Church is a reality, an actual family, kingdom, or order of grace; then you can truly enjoy the "assurance of faith;" for if it has not a real presence, an actual existence, in the world, then your faith is vain, and your hopes are a delusion. To this Church the Lord. eighteen hundred years ago, added "daily such as should be saved;" He has done so ever since, and will continue to do so till His glorious second coming. Therefore men must not seek, nor expect to find, salvation outside this kingdom or family of God. He will honor His own ordinances.

The Church is called Catholic; which means that as all men everywhere need redemption, so Christ has founded the Christian Church, for saving all who worthily stand in her holy communion. The Jewish Church was only for a certain time, and preparatory to the Christian Church; also confined mainly to Palestine; and for only one people, the Jewish nation; -therefore not Catholic. that is, universal. But the Christian Church is for all time to come, for all nations, and for all countries; therefore called Catholic. The Jewish Church was not a Missionary Church, and therefore made no effort to bring all men to the knowledge of the true God; but Christ taught His disciples to go into "all the world" (Mark xvi. 15), and to "make disciples of all nations" (Matt. xxviii. 19), according to the ancient promises (Gen. xxii. 18; xlix. 10; Ps. lxxii. 8-17; Is. xlix. 6, 7, quoted by Simeon Luke ii. 32). Paul makes great account of this "Mystery," that the gospel is for all men everywhere (Eph. ii. 14-iii. 12).

This word Catholic has an ugly sound to some people, because they think it refers to the Roman Catholic Church; but the word is much older than that Church, and does not belong to it any prore than to the Protestant Church. This title,

like the cross, must not be quietly surrendered to Roman Catholics, as if we had no right to it; for as there are Roman Catholics, and Greek Catholics, so there are Protestant Catholics. All true believers, then, are Catholic Christians, because they belong to the "Holy Catholic Church," the kingdom or family of God.

The Church is called holy. This could not be said of any human society, association or order. The Church is holy because her Head, namely Christ, is holy; because she has the abiding and sanctifying presence of the Holy Ghost; and because therefore her members are holy. Christians are called Saints, or holy ones (in the New Testament Epistles, in the hymns and prayers of the Church, &c.), not because perfectly holy, but because they are in the process of becoming so. This is the simple meaning of the word sanctifica-tion. So they are exhorted to bring their holiness to perfection (2 Cor. vii. 1). Also because the Church is prevailingly holy, she must discipline, or cast out, those whose lives are prevailingly

### A ROOT OUT OF A DRY GROUND.

Isaiah (liii. 2) speaks of the coming of Christ as "a root out of dry ground," that is, appearing where men would not expect Him.

In regard to His nation, the Saviour of the world sprang, not from learned Greeks, not from powerful Romans, but from despised Jews; from a people under bondage, weak in earthly resources, and almost unknown among the nations of their

So in regard to His family relations, He was born not among the great and noted, but among the lowly and obscure; not in the house of a highpriest or honorable member of the great Sanhedrim, but in the home of Joseph and Mary, per-

sons in humble life, yea in actual poverty.
So in regard to His birthplace, it was not Jerusalem, the city of glorious memories, the center of Jewish hope, and the home of Kings, but in Bethlehem Ephratah, little among the thousands of Judah, yet divinely chosen as the birthplace of the King of Kings.

Truly in all these things He was as "a root out of a dry ground." Men would not have so ordered it; they did not so expect it; but God's ways are higher than ours.

A TABLE SHOWING THE RELATION OF THE MOVABLE FESTIVALS OF THE CHURCH YEAR TO EASTER SUNDAY.

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